Lock Out in Business India Television International Ltd.

†4217. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that lockout continues "in the Business India Television International Limited, a company of Business India Group;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the management of the company had been making deduction from the salary of its employees on account of ESIC but they have not deposited the so deducted amount with the Employees State Insurance Corporation and dues of lakhs of rupees are outstanding against the company on this account; and

(c) if so, what action is being taken by Government to put an end the lockout in above company and get the medical facility restored to employees by the ESIC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Child Labour

4218. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of child labour engaged in the various industries in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of special schemes formulated, so far, to check child labour in the country; and

(c) the details of amount proposed to be spent in the said schemes in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL): (a) Authentic information on child labour is generated during the decennial census. As per the 1991 census, the total number of working children in the country is 11.28 million. The State- wise position is given in the statement (*See* below) Industry-wise distribution of number of working children are not maintained.

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